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SUBJ: PACIFIC RIM PARTICIPATION SPOKANE 1974

INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION

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1. AMBASSADOR ADDRESSED PERSONAL LETTER OCTOBER 6 TO PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM CALLING HIS ATTENTION TO SPOKANE EXPOSITION, DESCRIBING ITS CENTRAL THEME, AND EXPRESSING HOPE THAT GOA WILL PARTICIPATE AND SHARE IN COMMEMORATION AMERICAN'S 200 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE.

2. ON OCTOBER 11 EMBASSY COUNSELOR FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS ACCOMPANIED BY COMMERCIAL OFFICER PAID FOLLOW-UP CALL ON ACTING FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY FLANNAGAN, DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL MINISTER OF STATE. (WILLIAM WORTH , WHO NORMALLY OCCUPIES THIS POSITION, CU STILL OVERSEAS AND WILL RETURN OCTOBER 16.

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EMBOFFS STRESSED INTEREST OF USG IN AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPATION THIS EVENT IN PACIFIC RIM CONTEXT. THEY VOLUNTEERED TO PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED ON URGENT BASIS IN VIEW SHORT LEAD TIME REMAINING, AND SUGGESTED THAT THERE WILL BE A WEALTH OF POSSIBLE AUSTRALIAN THEMES SUITABLE FOR SPOKANE EXPO.

3. FLANNAGAN SAID HE WAS FAMILIAR WITH OUT LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER WHICH HAD BEEN REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION FOR SUBSTANTIVE STUDY. HE NOTED THAT ONLY SEVEN MONTHS REMAINED BEFORE OPENING OF EXPOSITION. HE REQUESTED SPECIFICS ON PHYSICAL FACILITIES AND EXACT LOCATIONS STILL AVAILABLE, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO COUNTRY EXHIBITS WHICH WOULD ADJOIN SPACE AVAILABLE TO GOA. PLEASE FURNISH ASAP, ALONG WITH ANY OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION OR LITERATURE.

4. ON OCTOBER 12 AMBASSADOR CALLED UPON SIR KEITH WALLER, PERMANENT SECRETARY OF DEPARTMENT FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND DISCUSSED AT LENGTH SPOKANE EXPOSITION AND DESIRABILITY OF AUSTRALIA'S PARTICIPATION. GOA HAD NOT YET RECEIVED AMBASSADOR PLIMSOLL'S REPORT (ALTHOUGH THEY KNEW IT WAS COMING) AND SO AMBASSADOR SUMMARIZED HUNDERSON/ PLIMSOLL MEETING PER SATE 201101.

5. COMMENT : GOA (AND EMBASSY) FIRST LEARNED OF SPOKANE EXPOSITION IN LATE SEPTEMBER WHEN AUSTRALIAN REP WORTH CALLED IN WASHINGTON TO SEE HOS GOA MIGHT SHOW SUPPORT FOR AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL. THERE IS NOW A LEAD TIME OF ONLY SEVEN MONTHS. DESPITE THIS SEVERE TIMING PROBLEM WE BELIEVE THERE IS CHANCE OF AFFIRMATIVE DECISION.  
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